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Applicant: Takahiro HAMADA *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO *EX PARTE QUAYLE* ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 29, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows: